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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN PRIORITY

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TAGS: CGEN (TOBASY, MOHAMMED ALI)

SUBJECT: REPORTED DETENTION OF MR. M.A. TOBASY

REF: STATE 248648

1. REFTEL WAS SENT WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF TOBASY'S BACKGROUND AND HISTORY. WE NOW KNOW TOBASY WAS SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS FROM AMMAN REPORTING HIM RELIEVED FROM TRAINING AT LOWERY AIR FORCE BASE FOR MISCONDUCT, AS AWOL, AND AS IN VIOLATION OF RIAF REGULATIONS AGAINST MARRIAGE TO U. S. CITIZENS. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT DEPARTMENT ALSO WROTE DISTRICT DIRECTOR, INS IN DENVER RECOMMENDING AGAINST TOBASY'S REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS. REGRET ANY MISUNDERSTANDING AS A RESULT OF REFTEL.

2. REFTEL DID REPORT FAMILY'S CONTENTION THAT TOBASY WAS ASSURED BY JORDANIAN EMBASSY HERE THAT HE COULD RETURN TO AMMAN AND APPLY FOR RELEASE. GIVEN THIS MAN'S RECORD WE REALIZE THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO ON HIS BEHALF FOR THE SAKE OF HIS FAMILY. HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON HOW JORDANIAN MILITARY HANDLES THE SENTENCING AND TREATMENT OF SUCH PEOPLE AND DEFER TO YOUR JUDGMENT AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO WHETHER WE CAN DO ANYTHING TO BE OF ASSISTANCE.

3. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND, HERE IS SUBSTANCE OF CONTACTS WITH TOBASY'S WIFE. SHE SAID SHE HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM HIM INDICATING HE IS IN PRISON AT "ROYAL AIR FORCE BASE" IN AMMAN (HE DID NOT INDICATE HIS CONDITION) BUT FELT CONFIDENT OF RELEASE IF EMBASSY SHOWED INTEREST IN HIS CASE. WIFE HAS HEARD FROM JORDANIAN FRIENDS THAT SENTENCES IN SUCH CASES ARE ONLY MATTER OF MONTHS AND SAID THAT INS DIRECTOR DENVER HAD SENT PAPERS TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN INDICATING TOBASY COULD RETURN TO US AFTER "RELEASE FROM RJAF". WIFE (NOW EXPECTING ANOTHER CHILD) ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIM BACK AS BREADWINNER SINCE HER OLDER SON SUPPOSEDLY ILL WITH BONE DISEASE (NON-FATAL BUT EXPENSIVE TO TREAT). KISSINGER

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